**National Commission on bonded labour**

*49. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to set up a National Commission to look into the problem of bonded labour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether prominent social workers and other representing organisations working amongst bonded labour would be nominated thereon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) to (d). A proposal to set up a National Commission on Bonded Labour is under examination.

**Postponement of DMC and MCD elections**

*50. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the elections of the Delhi Metropolitan Council and Delhi Municipal Corporation have been repeatedly postponed; if so, the dates of postponement alongwith reasons therefor;

(b) when were these elections held last and the reasons for denying the citizens of Delhi the right to choose their representatives to these civic bodies; and

(c) whether before appointing the key-officers for Delhi (e.g. the L. Governor, Chief Secretary, Police Commissioner), representatives of the people of Delhi in Lok Sabha are taken into confidence and will continue to be consulted in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The elections to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) were last held in February, 1983. The four year term of the MCD was to expire on 7-2-1987. On 2-1-1987 the term of the MCD was extended by the Central Government by one year on the ground that elections to the Metropolitan Council, Delhi and the MCD should be held simultaneously. This extended period was further extended on 24-12-87 till 7-2-1989. On 9.1.1989 the term was further extended by one year beyond 7-2-1989 on the ground that the Central Government was considering the question of reorganising the administrative and municipal set up in Delhi. On 6-1-1990, the MCD was superseded for a period of 4 months by the Central Government *inter alia* on the ground that the MCD has persistently made defaults in the performance of the duties imposed by it under the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957. This period of supersession was extended by 4 months in May, 1990, again in September, 1990 and subsequently by another 4 months in January, 1991. The present extended period of supersession is to expire on 5-5-1991.

The last elections to the Metropolitan Council of Delhi were held on 5-2-1983. The term of the Council was to expire on 16-3-1988. On 24-12-1987 the Central Government extended the term of the Council by a period of one year beyond 16-3-1988 on the ground that the Central Government was considering the question of reorganising the administrative set up in Delhi. This period was further extended by one year on 9-1-1989 on the same ground. On the basis of a report from the Administrator Delhi the President suspended for a period of 4 months from 13-1-1990 the operation of certain provisions of the Delhi Administration Act, resulting in dissolution of the Council. The period of suspension of operation of these provisions of the Delhi Administration Act has been extended further on 10-5-1990, 12-9-1990 and 10.1.1991 for

4 months on each occasion. The extended period is presently due to expire on 12-5-1991.

(c) The Administrator of the Union Territory of Delhi is appointed by the President. The appointment of the Chief Secretary and the Police Commissioner is done by the competent authority after due considerations.

**Implementation of Ishwari Prasad Committee report**

*51. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government have taken so far to implement the Ishwari Prasad Committee recommendations on medical and other allowances to the working journalists and other newspaper staff;

(b) if no decision has been taken so far on the recommendations, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the National Union of Journalists and others have charged that the employers were seeking to get the report supressed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) The Government have constituted an Empowered Committee to process the recommendations of the Expert Committee for Newspaper Employees.

(c) No such representation has been received.

**Investment by Government in sick Public Undertakings**

*52. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the total investment made by Government in sick Public Sector Undertakings during the last 3 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): There were 62 Central Public Sector Undertaking which had incurred continuous cash losses during the last three years. The net investment made by the Central Government including investment made through its holding companies during the last three years is given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

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| 1987-88 | 491.16 |
| 1988-89 | 705.84 |
| 1989-90 | 1332.24 |

**Bomb Blasts in Delhi**

*53. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of bomb blasts took place in Delhi in January, 1991, particularly near Tis Hazari Court, near the Police Head Quarters, inside a cinema hall in Chandni Chowk and at Janpath;

(b) if so, details of the damage caused to buildings and other properties and the number of persons injured and killed in these incidents;

(c) whether any compensation has been paid to the victims;

(d) whether any enquiry has been conducted in each case and whether any arrests have been made;

(e) whether a 'red alert' is continuously kept up in Delhi, particularly, in sensitive areas, to prevent such incidents in time

(f) the details of the security steps being taken in the light of part (a) above and

(g) the number of bomb explosions that have occurred in the capital and the cases solved?